

1 **BEFORE THE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION**
2 **OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON**

3 IN RE COMPLIANCE WITH
4 RCW 42.17

PDC CASE NO. 05-027

5 Voters Education Committee, Bruce Boram,
6 Valerie Huntsberry and other Unknown Agents

ORDER OF REFERRAL
TO THE WASHINGTON STATE
ATTORNEY GENERAL'S
OFFICE

7 Respondents.
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9 **INTRODUCTION**

10 This matter came before the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission on September
11 9, 2004, at its Special Commission Meeting at the PDC offices in the Evergreen Plaza Building,
12 Room 206, 711 Capitol Way South, Olympia, Washington. Those present by telephone included
13 Commission members Michael Connelly, Chair, Jeannette Wood, Vice-chair, Earl Tilly, and
14 Jane Noland; Those present at the PDC offices included Commission member Francis Martin,
15 Secretary; PDC Executive Director Vicki Rippie; PDC Assistant Director Susan Harris; PDC
16 Director of Compliance Philip E. Stutzman; Senior Assistant Attorney General Linda A. Dalton;
17 and Senior Assistant Attorney General Linda Moran. Voters Education Committee was provided
18 advance notice of the meeting and advance notice of the meeting and this matter were posted on
19 the PDC's website. John J. White, Jr., representing Voters Education Committee, et al. was
20 present by telephone and addressed the Commission.

21 Susan Harris, representing PDC Staff, presented the Commission with an oral summary of
22 the issues and alleged apparent multiple violations of RCW 42.17.040 through 42.17.090 and
23 RCW 42.17.120 by Voters Education Committee, Bruce Boram, Valerie Huntsberry and other
24 unknown agents. The Commission also reviewed a written memorandum from Staff with
25 attached exhibits regarding this matter and a written response from John J. White, Jr. on behalf
26 of Voters Education Committee et al.

1 Following the oral presentation by Staff and consideration of the materials submitted by Staff
2 and Voters Education Committee, and after deliberation, the Commission directed the following:

3 **ORDER OF REFERRAL**

4 By a unanimous vote, the Commission finds apparent multiple violations of RCW
5 42.17.040 through 42.17.090 and RCW 42.17.120 by Voters Education Committee, Bruce
6 Boram, Valerie Huntsberry and other unknown agents by failing to register and report as a
7 political committee; by failing to file detailed reports of their contributions received and
8 expenditures made; and by concealing the amount and identity of the source(s) of their
9 contributions and the amount and recipients of their expenditures.

10 In lieu of holding an enforcement hearing, the Commission unanimously refers the above
11 referenced apparent multiple violations to the Washington State Attorney General's Office for
12 appropriate action pursuant to RCW 42.17.360 and .395 and WAC 390-37-100, including
13 seeking a court order compelling Voters Education Committee, Bruce Boram, Valerie
14 Huntsberry or other unknown agents of the Committee to file the disclosure reports required by
15 RCW 42.17.040 through 42.17.090.

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17 DATED THIS 9th day of September, 2004.

18 FOR THE COMMISSION:
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22 VICKI RIPPIE, Executive Director

23 *Copies to be provided to:*

24 Linda A. Dalton, Senior Assistant Attorney General
25 Counsel for Commission Staff

26 Nancy Krier, Senior Counsel for Commission

Linda Moran, Senior Assistant Attorney General

John J. White, Jr., Counsel for Voters Education Committee, et al.